

NEW YORK STATE EQUINE MEDICAL DIRECTOR

The New York State Gaming Commission and the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine are seeking applications for the **New York State Equine Medical Director**. The new position will be established cooperatively between Cornell and the State Gaming Commission.

Regulatory and Compliance responsibilities. The New York State Equine Medical Director will be responsible for all aspects of equine health, safety, and welfare at New York state racetracks and will directly advise the Gaming Commission members and staff regarding all issues of equine health, safety, and welfare and equine drug policy. As such, the Equine Medical Director will be charged with the development and implementation of strategies to enhance the safety of horses and jockeys at New York State race tracks. Specific duties will include:

1. In consultation with the New York State Gaming Commission, development, communication, and enforcement of medication policies;
2. Coordinate evaluation of the safety and condition of race track facilities and surfaces;
3. Administrative supervision and reviews of all on-track regulatory veterinarians;
4. Administrative supervision and evaluation of the State Equine Drug Testing Program laboratory including equine testing procedures;
5. Oversight of compliance with all regulatory veterinary protocols, including infectious disease control and quarantine procedures, and;
6. Oversight and analysis of the incident reporting system and the equine necropsy program, and coordination of additional data collection as needed to enhance equine health and safety.

Educational and Communication responsibilities. A significant component of the position will involve ongoing education regarding research findings relevant to enhancing equine health and safety, and communication of best practices to all segments of the racing community and the public. To achieve this, the New York State Equine Medical Director will be expected to:

1. Coordinate and recommend research to enhance the safety of the performance horse;
2. Establish a continuing educational program for equine racing veterinarians and trainers that fosters the highest standards of safety;
3. Interface with and leverage Cornell Veterinary College expertise on behalf of New York State racing;
4. Serve on the Harry M. Zweig Memorial Fund for Equine Research Committee;
5. Serve as a New York representative to national racing health and safety organizations;

6. Participate in domestic and international intelligence gathering and sharing on emerging threats in equine sport, particularly with respect to illicit practices and banned substances; and
7. Host meetings with horsemen about medication regulation, proposed rule changes and general education.

Required qualifications. The New York State Equine Medical Director will be required to possess a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine/Veterinary Medical Doctor or equivalent degree; have a minimum 10 - 15 years of experience in equine sports medicine; and have:

1. Significant experience with racing regulations and medical oversight; including knowledge of enhanced drug-testing protocols and comprehensive understanding of racing injuries;
2. An ability to closely monitor horse injuries and the racing environment to develop new innovative solutions, services, processes and programs to protect the health and welfare of the horse;
3. A minimum of 5 years of post-residency clinical experience;

The State Equine Medical Director will be required to hold and maintain a valid license in good standing to practice veterinary medicine in the State of New York.

Favorable characteristics. The successful candidate will possess:

1. Demonstrated ability in leadership and mentoring;
2. Excellent communication skills; and a
3. Foundation in sound principles of business management, including delivery of strategic direction and implementation of all business operations and financial policies, practices, and procedures.

Salary will be commensurate with experience.

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